
SENATE BILL No. 350

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2-161; IC 9-18-2; IC 9-29-5-42; IC 20-9.1-4-9.

Synopsis: Registration of school buses not owned by a school corporation. Modifies the registration cycle for school buses not owned by a school corporation. Makes conforming amendments.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2002.

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January 8, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Interstate Cooperation.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2001 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-161 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 161. (a) "School bus"
3 means, except as provided in subsection (b), a bus, hack, conveyance,
4 or motor vehicle used to transport school children to and from school
5 and to and from school athletic games or contests or other school
6 functions. The term does not include a privately owned automobile
7 with a capacity of not more than five (5) passengers that is used for the
8 purpose of transporting school children to and from school.
9 (b) "School bus", for purposes of IC 9-21, means a motor vehicle
10 owned by a public or governmental agency and operated for the
11 transportation of children to or from school, including project
12 headstart, or privately owned and operated for compensation for the
13 transportation of children to and from school, including project
14 headstart.
15 (c) "School bus", for purposes of IC 9-18-2-8.5, has the meaning
16 set forth in IC 9-18-2-8.5(a).
17 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-2-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 7. (a) A person who owns a vehicle subject to registration shall register each vehicle owned by the person as follows:

(1) A vehicle subject to section 8 of this chapter shall be registered under section 8 **of this chapter.**

(2) A vehicle not subject to section 8 **or 8.5** of this chapter, or to the International Registration Plan, shall be registered before:

(A) March 1 of each year; or

(B) an earlier date subsequent to January 1 of each year as set by the bureau.

(3) School buses owned by a school corporation are exempt from annual registration but are subject to registration under IC 20-9.1-4.

(4) **School buses not owned or leased by a school corporation must be registered under section 8.5 of this chapter.**

(5) Subject to subsection (f), a vehicle subject to the International Registration Plan shall be registered before April 1 of each year.

(b) Registrations and re-registrations under this section are for the calendar year. Registration and re-registration for school buses owned by a school corporation may be for more than a calendar year.

(c) License plates for a vehicle subject to this section may be displayed during:

(1) the calendar year for which the vehicle is registered; and

(2) the period of time:

(A) subsequent to the calendar year; and

(B) before the date that the vehicle must be re-registered.

(d) A person who owns or operates a vehicle may not operate or permit the operation of a vehicle that:

(1) is required to be registered under this chapter; and

(2) has expired license plates.

(e) If a vehicle that is required to be registered under this chapter has:

(1) been operated on the highways; and

(2) not been properly registered under this chapter;

the bureau shall, before the vehicle is re-registered, collect the registration fee that the owner of the vehicle would have paid if the vehicle had been properly registered.

(f) The department of state revenue may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to issue staggered registration to motor vehicles subject to the International Registration Plan.

SECTION 3. IC 9-18-2-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY



1, 2002]: Sec. 8.5. (a) As used in this section, "school bus" refers to a school bus not owned or leased by a school corporation.

(b) A school bus must be registered before August 1 of each year.

(c) Registration and re-registration for a school bus is valid for one (1) year.

(d) A person registering a school bus under this section shall:

(1) submit to the bureau:

(A) a certificate of inspection and safety issued under IC 20-9.1-4-5; and

(B) a registration or re-registration application; and

(2) pay the annual registration fee required under IC 9-29-5-8.

(e) When the bureau receives the submission and payment required under subsection (d), the bureau shall issue a semipermanent license plate under section 30 of this chapter or:

(1) an annual renewal tag; or

(2) other indicia;

to be affixed to the semipermanent plate.

(f) A license plate issued under this section may be displayed during:

(1) the calendar year for which the school bus is registered; and

(2) the period before August 1 of the subsequent year.

SECTION 4. IC 9-29-5-42 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 42. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), vehicles not subject to IC 9-18-2-8 or IC 9-18-2-8.5 shall be registered at one-half (1/2) of the regular rate, subject to IC 9-18-2-7, if the vehicle is registered after July 31 of any year. This subsection does not apply to the following:

(1) A farm tractor used in transportation.

(2) Special farm machinery.

(3) Semitrailers registered on a five (5) year or permanent basis under IC 9-18-10-2.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), subsection (a) and IC 9-18-2-7 determine the registration fee for the registration of a vehicle subject to registration under IC 9-18-2-8(c), IC 9-18-2-8(d), and IC 9-18-2-8(e) and acquired by an owner subsequent to the date required for the annual registration of vehicles by an owner set forth in IC 9-18-2-8.

(c) Subject to subsection (d), a vehicle subject to the International Registration Plan that is registered after September 30 shall be



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registered at a rate determined by the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the number of months before April 1 of the following year beginning with the date of registration. A partial month shall be rounded to one (1) month.

STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE result by one-twelfth (1/12).

STEP THREE: Multiply the annual registration fee for the vehicle by the STEP TWO result.

(d) If the department of state revenue adopts rules under IC 9-18-2-7 to implement staggered registration for motor vehicles subject to the International Registration Plan, a motor vehicle subject to the International Registration Plan that is registered after the date designated for registration of the motor vehicle in rules adopted under IC 9-17-2-7 shall be registered at a rate determined by the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the number of months before the motor vehicle must be re-registered. A partial month shall be rounded to one (1) month.

STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE result by one-twelfth (1/12).

STEP THREE: Multiply the annual registration fee for the vehicle by the STEP TWO result.

(e) If the registration of a school bus under IC 9-18-2-8.5:

(1) occurs after January 31; and

(2) applies to the previous calendar year;

the registration fee must be charged at one-half (1/2) the regular rate.

SECTION 5. IC 20-9.1-4-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 9. ~~Registration Plates.~~

(a) A school corporation, which owns a school bus or a special purpose bus and uses it to transport school children, is exempt from the payment of the annual registration fee for the bus. On application by a school corporation, the commissioner of motor vehicles shall furnish registration number plates for exempted vehicles without charge. Application for registration of exempted vehicles shall be:

(1) made whenever a newly acquired bus requires a registration number plate;

(2) made whenever a registration number plate is transferred from one (1) school bus or special purpose bus owned by the school corporation to another school bus or special purpose bus owned by the school corporation;

(3) made in the name of the school corporation which owns the



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1 vehicle to be registered; and

2 (4) signed by the proper official of the school corporation.

3 (b) An owner other than a school corporation, which owns a school
4 bus or a special purpose bus and uses it to transport school children, is
5 not exempt from annual registration **under IC 9-18-2-8.5** or payment
6 of the annual registration fee for school buses.

7 **SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) A person who**
8 **registers a school bus not owned or leased by a school corporation**
9 **under IC 9-18-2-7 before March 1, 2002, may display the license**
10 **plate issued in 2002 through July 31, 2003.**

11 **(b) This SECTION expires August 1, 2003.**

12 **SECTION 7. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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